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Frye and DeMaio Propose Reforms to Policies and Structure of City Council

Bipartisan Effort Aimed at Improving Effectiveness and Rebuilding Trust

Councilmember Donna Frye and Councilmember-elect Carl DeMaio unveiled a bipartisan initiative last month to reform the rules and policies governing the San Diego City Council. The goal of their collaborative initiative is to improve the council's transparency and effectiveness in the city's Strong Mayor-Strong Council form of government.

"It is time to examine — in a truly bipartisan manner — the policies, structure and operations of the City Council to make it a more effective and open legislative body," Frye told reporters at a June 9 news conference.

"The City Council is long overdue for a serious overhaul," added DeMaio. "With the City Council membership changing, we have a unique opportunity to reposition the City Council as a constructive partner in solving the city's financial problems."

In a memo outlining their initiative to Mayor Jerry Sanders and the City Council, Frye and DeMaio pledged to co-chair a six-month study group to generate findings and recommendations for improving how the Council conducts business, manages legislation and interacts with the public.

The study group will focus on four key areas:

- **Budget and Legislative Processes:** What reforms would help the City Council be a more effective legislative partner in solving San Diego's financial and operational problems?
- **Council Oversight:** How can the City Council fulfill its duty to provide better oversight of taxpayer monies being spent by the city government?
- **Public Participation:** How can the City Council be a more open and transparent body?
- **Presiding Officers, Rules of Order and Committee Structure:** How can internal policies improve the decorum and efficiency of the City Council in its deliberations?

Frye and DeMaio will host "Town Hall Dialogues" across the city to educate and engage the public on the issue. They also plan to hold at least two public hearings this fall to review findings and recommendations. Their goal will be to provide the incoming City Council with a comprehensive set of reforms by December, when four new council members will be sworn in.

DeMaio was elected in June to represent the Fifth Council District, which includes Carmel Mountain Ranch, Mira Mesa, Rancho Bernardo, Sabre Springs, San Pasqual, Scripps Ranch and Sorrento Mesa. He will be sworn into office on Dec. 8.

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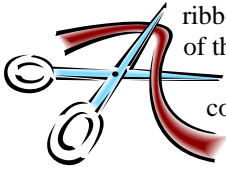
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Balboa Avenue Ribbon Cutting

Please join Councilmember Donna Frye, Mayor Jerry Sanders and the Balboa Avenue Citizen's Advisory Committee for a ribbon cutting event to celebrate the completion of the Balboa Avenue median improvement project. We want to thank all the community members who volunteered their time to make this project a reality for all the residents of Clairemont.



Date: Wed., July 30

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Where: Intersection of
Balboa Avenue and
Moraga Avenue



Frye Addresses Local Lions Club

Councilmember Frye was the featured guest speaker at the June 17 meeting of the Hillcrest/Mission Valley Lions Club. Addressing more than 50 club members and guests at the Imperial House restaurant on Kalmia Street, Frye shared how community activism led to her first election to the San Diego City Council to fill a vacant seat in 2001. She devoted most of her 30-minute talk to fielding questions on a wide range of issues including city finances, infrastructure needs and election results.



Lions are an international network of 1.3 million men and women in 202 countries and geographic areas who work together to answer the needs that challenge communities around the world.

WATCH OUT, CELL PHONE YAKKER DRIVERS

Two state laws take effect July 1 to curtail phone talking while driving, and San Diego police will begin citing violators next month, after a 30-day public education period.

One law, California Vehicle Code section 23123, prohibits the use of any hand-held phone while driving. Drivers age 18 or older can still talk on a hands-free device.

The other law, section 23124, prohibits anyone younger than 18 from talking on either a hand-held or hands-free phone while driving.



Some other details about the new laws:

- Emergency calls to emergency-service agencies are allowed, even on hand-held phones.
- A minimum fine for the first offense in San Diego County is \$97; the second-offense minimum is \$211.
- Other law-enforcement agencies in the county may not exercise the 30-day grace period.
- Using the speaker function of a hand-held phone suffices as a hands-free device. Dialing while driving is allowed but is not recommended.
- Push-to-talk phones are considered the same as hand-held phones under the laws.
- Convictions will stay on a driver's record for 36 months but will not count toward the point total on the record.



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CITY OF SAN DIEGO AND SEAWORLD OPEN SOUTH SHORES PROMENADE AND PATH IMPROVEMENTS

On Friday, June 6, Councilmember Donna Frye, Mayor Jerry Sanders, Councilmember Kevin Faulconer, SeaWorld General Manager Andy Fichthorn, and Shamu opened the city's newest public gathering place, the South Shores Promenade and bike path on Mission Bay.

As part of SeaWorld's Master Plan Update, the park, in conjunction with the city of San Diego, constructed the South Shores Park Promenade, upgraded existing bike path, and built additional shoreline access.

The Promenade at South Shores Park increases year-round shoreline access, and provides an area for public displays and civic gatherings. It features a lighted pathway and three gathering areas. Several local firms were used to complete the project which required more than 75 workers.

The Promenade and path improvements include new east and west sections. The west section extends from the South Shores Boat Ramp west approximately 900 feet. The east section extends approximately 4,700 feet from the existing South Shores picnic pavilion gazebo toward East Mission Bay Drive. Improvements to the existing bike path include striping for two-way traffic, creating separate bike and pedestrian pathways and landscaping.



Andy Fichthorn, Councilmember Frye and Councilmember Faulconer took a quick ride around Mission Bay.



Shamu thinks that the bike path opening went swimmingly.

Family Fun in Clairemont

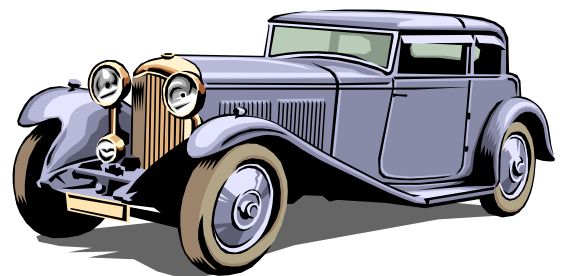


You don't have to live in Clairemont to join community residents in having a ball at next month's Clairemont Family Day, Aug. 2 at the South Clairemont Recreation Center, 3605 Clairemont Drive.

The full day of events will include a pancake breakfast, a car show, bands and other entertainment, vendor booths and free swimming in the Rec Center pool.



The fun starts at 8 a.m. and continues until 4:00. Additional information is available at the recreation center, (858) 581-9924.





North Clairemont Library Events

4616 Clairemont Drive
San Diego CA 92117
(858) 581-9931

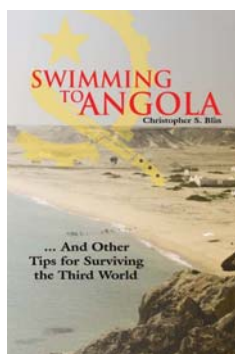
"Catch The Reading Bug"

Fun, free programs every
Tuesday in July at 2:30 p.m. All ages.



Preschool Storytime, Music and Song
Every Thursday at 10:30 a.m.

Friends of North Clairemont
Library Book Sale
Sat., July 12
9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.



"Swimming to Angola,"
a travel itinerary by author
Christopher Blin
Wed., July 16, 6:30 p.m.



"Your Guide to
Healthy Hormones"
a lecture by Dr. Jason Kart
Wed. July 30, 6:30 p.m.

Balboa Park

Senior Lounge Activities

*Casa Del Prado, Room 105. Open seven days a
week, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (excluding City holidays).
Located between the Natural History Museum
and the Lily Pond.*

Mah Jong

Mondays 10 a.m.

Interested Mah Jong players are welcome to
join this group at the Senior Lounge.

Local History

Tuesdays 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Discuss the history of The Heights, Logan to
Normal, Uptown San Diego, Mission Hills to
City Heights. Just for the fun of it!

Balboa Park Walk

Thursdays 10:00 -10:45 a.m.

Balboa Park is a beautiful place to take a walk
and enjoy the company of peers. Interested
walkers, please gather at the Lounge at 10
a.m.; walk will begin at 10:15 a.m.

Cribbage/Backgammon

Wednesdays 10 a.m.

Vic, Senior Services volunteer, is looking for
interested cribbage and backgammon players
to join him on Wednesday mornings. All
levels welcome.





Important Phone Numbers

Abandoned Vehicles	858-495-7856
Animal Regulation	619-236-4250
Beach & Bay Advisory	619-338-2073
Birth and Death Records	619-237-0502
Brush Abatement	619-533-4444
Building Permits	619-446-5000
Buses/MTS Access	619-233-3004
Canyon Watchers Program	858-292-6484
City Council Docket Info	619-533-4000
City Directory	619-236-5555
Community Service Center	858-581-4111
Code Violations	619-236-5500
Curb Maintenance	619-527-7500
Dead Animal Removal	858-694-7000
Dog Licenses	619-767-2675
Fire Stations	619-533-4300
Graffiti	619-525-8522
Hazardous Materials Hotline	858-694-7000
Housing Commission	619-231-9400
Humane Society	619-299-7012
Libraries	
Balboa	858-573-1390
Clairemont	858-581-9935
Linda Vista	858-573-1399
North Clairemont	858-581-9931
Serra Mesa	858-573-1396
Noise Regulation	619-236-5500
Office of Small Business	619-685-1390
Park and Recreation	619-525-8219
Parking Citations	619-236-7145
Police: Non-Emergency	619-531-2000
Pot Hole Hotline	619-527-7500
Recreation Centers	
Kearny Mesa	858-573-1387
Linda Vista	858-573-1392
North Clairemont	858-581-9926
Serra Mesa	858-573-1408
South Clairemont	858-581-9924
Tecolote	858-581-9933
Recycling Hotline	858-694-7000
Senior Citizens Services	619-236-6905
Serra Mesa Community Connection	858-565-2473
Sewer Repair/Spills	619-515-3525
Sidewalk Maintenance	619-527-7500
Stormwater Pollution Hotline	619-235-1000
Street Lights	619-527-7500
Street Sweeping	619-527-7500
Traffic Control	619-533-3126
Tree Maintenance	619-527-7500
Waste Reduction & Disposal	858-492-5010
Water Emergency	619-515-3525
Water Utilities	619-515-3500

District Six Community Meetings

Balboa Avenue Citizens Advisory Committee

Place: Clairemont Community Service Center
4731 Clairemont Drive
When: 4th Wednesday/Month
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Clairemont Town Council

Place: Clairemont High School Cafeteria
4150 Ute Drive
When: 1st Thursday/Month
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Clairemont Mesa Planning Committee

Place: Clairemont Senior Friendship Center
4425 Bannock Ave.
When: 3rd Tuesday/Month
Time: 6:30 p.m.

Kearny Mesa Planning Group

Place: Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library
9005 Aero Drive
When: 3rd Wednesday/Month
Time: 12:00 p.m.

Linda Vista Town Council (NEW NAME!!!)

Place: Bayside Community Center
2202 Comstock Street
When: 3rd Thursday/Month
Time: 6:30 p.m.

Linda Vista Community Planning Committee

Place: Linda Vista Library
2160 Ulric Street
When: 4th Monday/Month
Time: 6:00 p.m.

Mission Bay Park Committee

Place: Rotating Venue
When: 1st Tuesday/Month
Time: 6:00 p.m.

Mission Valley Community Council

Place: Mission Valley Library
2123 Fenton Parkway
When: 3rd Wednesday/Odd Months
Time: 6:30 p.m.

Mission Valley Unified Planning Committee

Place: Mission Valley Library
2123 Fenton Parkway
When: 1st Wednesday/Month
Time: 12:00 p.m.

Serra Mesa Community Council

Place: Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library
9005 Aero Drive
When: 4th Wednesday/Month
Time: 6:30 p.m.

Serra Mesa Planning Group

Place: Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library
9005 Aero Drive
When: 3rd Thursday/Month
Time: 7:00 p.m.



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